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# H. RES. 415

Honoring Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2007

Mr. HONDA (for himself, Mr. WU, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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# RESOLUTION

Honoring Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War.

Whereas soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent fought bravely and honorably during the United States Civil War;

Whereas Edward Day Cohota was among the soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War;

Whereas as a small child, Mr. Cohota stowed away in the ship Cohota, leaving Shanghai, China, in 1845;

Whereas Mr. Cohota enlisted in the 23rd Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, in 1864;

Whereas during the Civil War, Mr. Cohota fought valiantly in the fog-bound Battle of Drury's Bluff, where other soldiers reported that he had 7 bullet holes in his coat, but was not wounded;

Whereas Mr. Cohota repeatedly proved his courage in the Battle of Petersburg and at Cold Harbor, where he heroically saved the wounded William E. Low and where a minie ball left a permanent part in Cohota's hair;

Whereas Mr. Cohota served in the United States Army for 30 years;

Whereas Joseph L. Pierce was also among the soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War;

Whereas Mr. Pierce was sold by his family to Captain Amos Peck III in 1852 and raised as an adopted son;

Whereas Mr. Pierce enlisted in the 14th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, in 1862;

Whereas Mr. Pierce fought in his first battle at Antietam, distinguished himself in the Battle of Gettysburg, and bravely volunteered for a perilous attack on Bliss Farm during the day of Pickett's charge; and

Whereas many of the soldiers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the Civil War, including Edward Day Cohota and Joseph L. Pierce, were denied rightful recognition of their service: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes and expresses its appreciation for

3       the courageous and loyal contributions made by sol-

1       diers of Asian and Pacific Islander descent during  
2       the United States Civil War; and

3               (2) recognizes and honors the 2 most docu-  
4       mented of those soldiers, Edward Day Cohota and  
5       Joseph L. Pierce, for their distinguished and dedi-  
6       cated service to preserving and maintaining the  
7       Union.

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